

CITY OF ALAMEDA RESOLUTION NO. _____

PROCLAIMING THAT ANY OPEN SPACE EVENTUALLY CREATED FROM THE ALAMEDA BELT LINE PROPERTY BE NAMED THE "JEAN SWEENEY OPEN SPACE PRESERVE" AND NAMING NOVEMBER 1, 2011, AS JEAN SWEENEY DAY IN THE CITY OF ALAMEDA

Approved as to Form

City Attorney

WHEREAS, Jean Sweeney moved to Alameda with her husband Jim and their two daughters in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sweeney has been actively engaged in Alameda's civic life through her participation in the Alameda Rotary, BikeAlameda, the Humane Society of Alameda, and the Alameda Community Fund; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sweeney has served on the Restoration Advisory Board since 2002 where she has helped oversee the toxic cleanup at both the Fleet Industrial Supply Center and the former Naval Air Station; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Ms. Sweeney was successful in getting the Alameda Veterans Memorial Building listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sweeney served as a member of the City's Northern Waterfront Committee, which wrote the guidelines that are now part of the Alameda General Plan, and was also a member of the Webster Renaissance Project Committee, which created the streetscape plan from Central to Pacific Avenues; and

WHEREAS, thanks to Ms. Sweeney's due diligence, perseverance, and strong research skills, the City was able to prevail before the California Court of Appeals in a case against the Alameda Belt Line Railroad; as a result, the City was able to purchase the property for just \$966,027 and ensure its preservation for all Alamedans.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Alameda directs that any open space eventually created from the Alameda Belt Line property be named the "Jean Sweeney Open Space Preserve".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Alameda proclaims November 1, 2011, as Jean Sweeney Day in the City of Alameda in celebration of Ms. Sweeney's important contributions to Alameda.

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